

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1729, to further protect victims of stalking, the implementation and enforcement of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and to discuss society's role in combatting domestic violence, after receiving testimony from Senator Hutchison; Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice; Denise Brown, Nicole Brown Simpson Charitable Foundation, Dana Point, California; Beverly C. Dusso, Harriet Tubman Center, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; John C. Nelson, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the American Medical Association; Kenneth J. Novack, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, Boston, Massachusetts; Deborah E. Tjaden, Du Pont (E.I.) de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware; and Kathryn J. Rodgers, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York, New York.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings on proposals to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, and to reform the financing of Federal elections and Senate campaigns, including

sections 102 and 103 of S. 1219, relating to free and reduced rate broadcast time in the general election to an eligible Senate candidate from broadcast stations within the State or an adjacent State, receiving testimony from Gregory M. Schmidt, LIN Television Corporation, Washington, D.C., and Al Bramstedt, Jr., KTUU-TV, Anchorage, Alaska, both on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Jan Ziska Crawford, Jan Crawford Communications, Paris, Virginia; Paul Taylor, Free TV for Straight Talk Coalition, Bethesda, Maryland; Benjamin R. Barber, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; P. Cameron DeVore, Davis White Tremaine Law Offices, Seattle, Washington; and Henry Geller, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Gaines Norton and Charles James, both of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3457–3466, were introduced

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury (H. Rept. 104–576, Part I);

H. Res. 435, providing for further consideration of H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 (H. Rept. 104–577); and

H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the

Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, amended (H. Rept. 104–578 Part I).

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Recess: House recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

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Utah Public Lands: The House agreed to H. Res. 303, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1745, to designate certain public lands in the State of Utah as wilderness. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 169

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Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committee on Agriculture, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, and Select Intelligence.

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Department of Defense Authorization: By a recorded vote of 272 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 174, the House passed H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997.

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Rejected the Dellums motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on National Security with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that reallocates national missile defense funding for additional impact aid assistance and authorization for the Corps Surface-to-Air Missile system (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 173).

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed to:

The Gilman amendment that prohibits any funds appropriated under any Act from being obligated or expended for the provision of assistance to Russia or any other state of the former Soviet Union to promote defense conversion, including assistance through the Defense Enterprise Fund (agreed to by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 171).

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The Spence en bloc amendment, as modified, that provides for the seven Uniformed Service Treatment Facilities to change to a new program at the same time; requires a DOD study on mergers and acquisitions in the defense sector that addresses their effectiveness in eliminating excess capacity, degree of change in defense related Federal contracts relative to total business, and effect on employment during the three years preceding enactment; authorizes the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries and modifies authorities governing foreign arms sales; requires an annual report on the purchases by DOD from foreign entities, including the dollar value of items for which the Buy America Act was waived, pursuant to any reciprocal procurement memorandum of understanding, the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, and any international agreement to which the United States is a party; provides the sense of Congress that it is in the security interest of the United States to provide assistance to countries to improve the security of their fissile materials; provides the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should support and encourage full utilization of the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System; directs the Secretary of the Army to submit a plan for the reutilization or disposal of the Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant within 180 days of enactment and designates the Multi Purpose Range complex at Camp Shelby, Mississippi as the "G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Range"; allows the De-

partment of Energy to fund an existing program to assist the Russian government to shut down plutonium producing nuclear reactors out of unspent funds from prior years, rather than new funding; and designates \$5 million to the Department of Energy Office of Environment, Safety, and Health to conduct annual inspections of compliance with nuclear safety requirements, to issue additional safety regulations, and to conduct investigations of potential safety violations involving occupational radiation hazards.

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Rejected:

The Solomon amendment that sought to prohibit funds for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program in Russia and Belarus until the President certifies to Congress that Russia has met ten conditions relating to arms control, Russian foreign and military policy and Russian exports (rejected by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 170).

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The Klug amendment that sought to phase out the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and change the current minimum active duty requirement for the graduates of the Health Profession Scholarship Program to seven years (rejected by a recorded vote of 82 ayes to 343 noes, Roll No. 172).

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make such other technical, clerical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Presidential Message—National Science Board: Read a message from the President wherein he submits his report of the National Science Board on Science and Engineering Indicators for 1996—referred to the Committee on Science.

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Budget Resolution: The House completed all general debate on H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, May 16.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, it adjourns to meet at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 16.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5174–84.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5068–69,

H5077-78, H5080-81, H5085-86, H5102-03, and H5103. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL CHEESE EXCHANGE— PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry and the Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a joint hearing to consider issues raised by a recently released study of trading practices and procedures on the National Cheese Exchange. Testimony was heard from Alan Tracy, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the D.C. Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

SECURITIES AMENDMENTS OF 1996

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3005, Securities Amendments of 1996.

ELECTRICITY REGULATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on Electricity Regulation: A Vision for the Future. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL AGENCY ANTI-LOBBYING ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on H.R. 3078, Federal Agency Anti-Lobbying Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Stevens; Representative Tauzin; J. Davitt McAteer, Acting

Solicitor General, Department of Labor; Robert Nordhaus, General Counsel, Department of Energy; May Lou Keener, General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; Joseph B. Dial, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Jonathan Cannon, General Counsel, EPA; Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; Lou Fisher, Senior Specialist, American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; HISTORY OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and amended the following resolution and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 154, to congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of its first Presidential democratic election.

The Committee also held a hearing on the History of Armenian Genocide. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 3396, Defense of Marriage Act. Testimony was heard from the following members of various State Legislatures: Terrance W.H. Tom, Representative, Hawaii; Edward Fallon, Representative, Iowa; Marilyn Musgrave, Representative, Colorado; Ernest Chambers, Senator, Nebraska; and Deborah Whyman, Representative, Michigan; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action a measure relating to PTO Government Corporation, Reexamination of Patents, Publication of Patent Applications, Prior Domestic User Rights, Patent Reexamining Reform, and Investor Protection Rights.

The Subcommittee failed to approve H.R. 359, to restore the term of patents.

FISH AND WILDLIFE ACTIVITIES AND MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on U.S. Fish and Wildlife activities and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Brewster; from the following officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior: Robert Streeter, Assistant Director, Refugees and Wildlife; and Monty Halcomb, Director, Law Enforcement; Charles Williams, Senator, State of Florida; Brent Manning, Director, Department of